

## Nebraska

### Legal Provisions for Delegating Expanded Functions to Dental Hygienists

Function	Permission	Supervision
1 Performing supragingival scaling	Yes	General
2 Performing subgingival scaling	Yes	General
3 Root planing	Yes	General
4 Coronal polishing	Yes	General
5 Closed gingival curettage using hand instrument	Yes	General
6 Closed gingival curettage using laser technology (w/ Category II education from the Academy of Laser Dentistry)	Yes	Direct
7 Exposing radiographs	Yes	General
8 Performing pulp vitality testing	Yes	General
9 Applying desensitizing agents	Yes	General
10 Making alginate impressions for study casts	Yes	General
11 Applying topical fluoride rinses and gels	Yes	General
12 Applying fluoride varnishes	Yes	General
13 Applying pit and fissure sealants	Yes	General
14 Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide	Yes w/CPR certification	Direct
15 Administration of Nitrous Oxide	No	N/A
16 Administering local anesthetic agents by infiltration	Yes w/ certification	Direct
17 Administering local anesthetic agents by block	Yes w/ certification	Direct
18 Placing periodontal dressings	Yes	General
19 Placing sutures	No	N/A
20 Removing sutures	Yes	General
21 Placing matrices	Yes	General
22 Removing matrices	Yes	General
23 Placing rubber dams	Yes	General
24 Removing rubber dams	Yes	General
25 Fabricating temporary / interim restorations	Yes	General
26 Placing temporary / interim restorations	Yes	General
27 Applying cavity liners and bases	Yes	General
28 Placing amalgam restorations for condensation by the dentist	Yes	General
29 Placing amalgam restorations for condensation by the dental hygienist	No	N/A
30 Carving amalgams	No	N/A

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31 Polishing amalgams	Yes	General
32 Placing and finishing composite resin restorations	No	N/A
33 Placing and packing retraction cords	Yes	General
34 Placing local antimicrobial agents	Yes	General
35 In-office bleaching procedures	Yes	General
36 Fabricating trays for in-office bleaching procedures	Yes	General
37 In-office bleaching procedures utilizing laser technology (w/ in Category II education from the Academy of Laser Dentistry)	Yes	Direct
38 Performing oral health assessment using indices	Yes	General
39 Assessing risk of tobacco use	Yes	General
40 Oral Brush Biopsy	Yes	General
41 Performing denture adjustment	No	N/A
42 Performing brush biopsies	Yes	General

#### Supervision Key

**Direct:** Dentist in office and evaluates patient during same visit

**General:** Dentist has authorized procedure but is not necessarily in office

**N/A:** Not Applicable